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POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN; SAN JOSE,
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1. HONDURAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL
EFRAIN GONZALES, AGE 39, MINISTER OF INFORAMTION. COL.
GONZALES JOINED ARMED FORCES IN 1956 AND WAS TRAINED AT THE
OFFICERS CANDIDATE SCHOOL IN VENEZUELA WHERE HE GRADUATED IN
1960. IN 1972 WAS GRADUATED FROM 3-YEAR COURSE AT BRAZILIAN
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE. HE IS ALSO GRADUATE OF SCHOOL OF LAW,
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF HONDURAS. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH IS
SLIGHT AND HIS PORTUGUESE IS EXCELLENT.

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2. OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY ARE DR. JUAN RAMON DURAN, GRADUATE OF

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF HONDURAS IN 1973, PRESENTLY WORKING FOR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. HAS WORKED FOR LEFT OF CENTER DAILY TIEMPO AND REPRESENTATIVE FOR ACAN-EFE. WHEN STUDENT HE WAS PRESIDENT OF JOURNALISM STUDENT ASSOCIATION.

3. MARIO CALIX, 23 YEARS OLD, LEFT OF CENTER STUDENT INMUWKGL OF JOURNALISM (UNH) AND EX-REPORTER FOR DIARIIO EL DIA, PRESENTLY WORKING FOR MINSTRY OF INFORATION.

4. OSCAR REYES BACCA, APPROXIMATELY 31 YEARS OLD - EX DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM (UNH). JUST RETURNED FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY ON LASJAO SCHOLARSHIP WITHXJEOLK IN COMMUNICATIONS. PRESENTLY CHIEF OF PUBRKC REVEKDKSGH THE MATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY. MODERATE LEFT.

5. JAIME GUELL BOGRAN - DCM AT HONDURAN EMBASSY IN COSTA RICA.

6. COL. GONZALES INFORMED PAO THAT HONDURAS WAS GOING "MAINLY TO OBSERVE AND LEARN." HE CONSIDERS THAT GOH HAS VERY LIMITED EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD AND THAT HIS ONE YEAR OLD MINISTRY IS BARELY GETTING OFF THE GROUND.

7. POST HONESTLY BELIEVES THAT HONDURAS WILL STAY ON THE MARGIN AND AVOID TAKING ANY RADICAL STANCES AT THIS MEETING. HONDURAS HAS TRADITIONALLY SUPPORTED THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND WILL PROBABLY TAKE A MODERATE STANCE IF ANY. IT SHOULD BE REMEBERED, HOWEVER, THAT COL. GONZALES STUDIED IN BRAZIL AND COULD BE EASILY INFLUENCED BY THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATES.
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